



# CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

07-057

**Date:** Thursday, February 22, 2007 (0830)

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**WHAT: STORM WATCH**

**WHEN: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2007 (0830)**

**WHERE: SAN BERNARDINO & RIVERSIDE COUNTIES**

## HELPFUL HINTS FOR DRIVING IN RAIN AND SNOW

- ⚡ Allow additional travel time so you can drive slowly and safely.
- ⚡ Keep your car in good running condition – check your wipers, brakes, and tire pressure.
- ⚡ Carry an emergency kit and cell phone (well-charged).
- ⚡ Leave more than normal space between you and the vehicle in front of you.
- ⚡ Brake earlier with less force, and take turns and curves with less speed.
- ⚡ Avoid large pools of water on the road – there may be a pothole hiding there.
- ⚡ Never cross running water – it is bad for your car and may endanger your life. Tap your brakes lightly after going through puddles.
- ⚡ Use your headlights, even when it's sprinkling. It helps other motorists see you!
- ⚡ Watch more closely for pedestrians, bicycles, and motorcycles – they are hard to see in the rain.
- ⚡ If it is raining or snowing so hard you can't see the road, pull off the road to a safe location and wait until it is safe to proceed.
- ⚡ Always carry chains when traveling to the mountains in rain or snow – you will not be permitted without them when chain requirements are in force.

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## CHAIN CONTROL REQUIREMENT LEVELS:

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| W: <b>No Restrictions</b> - Watch for snow on pavement.   |
| R-1: Chains are required on all commercial vehicles (trucks or buses). All other vehicles (cars, pick-ups, vans, etc.) must have either snow tread tires or chains on the drive axle. |
| R-2: Chains are required on all vehicles except four-wheel drives with snow tread tires. Four-wheel drive vehicles must carry chains in the vehicle.                                  |
| R-3: Chains required - ALL VEHICLES - no exceptions.  |

Snow chains can be purchased at retail department stores, sporting goods, and auto parts stores. Mountain weather can change dramatically on very short notice. For current road conditions, call Caltrans Public Affairs at (866) 383-4631 (7 am to 5 pm Mon-Fri) or Road Conditions at (800) 427-ROAD (1-800-427-7623). You may also check our website at [www.caltrans8.info](http://www.caltrans8.info) for road information and closures.

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